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MATCHING SYSTEM

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Claim 1

A method of matching a buyer of goods with a seller of goods comprising the following steps:

- a) collecting information from the seller relating to the goods;
- b) classifying the goods according to a pre-selected set of criteria selected by the seller, the pre-selected set of criteria including data relating to buyers that are to be denied access to the goods, the data relating to buyers including at least one characteristic selected from the following categories of characteristics:

trade classification;

type of retailer; and

type of industry;
- c) listing the goods in a secured manner;
- d) collecting information relevant to said pre-selected set of criteria from the buyer;
- e) verifying the information collected from the buyer;
- f) selecting an approved buyer based on verified information;
- g) authorizing the approved buyer to request a query of the listed goods for those goods that the buyer seeks to buy;
- h) determining which goods are available for the approved buyer to buy based on a linkage between the approved buyer, the query and the pre-selected set of criteria,
wherein at least one of steps a through h is performed using a computer.

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